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Add the following new claims 39 and 40:

(b6 HP) --39 The method of claim 36, wherein the preheat time period is 15 seconds or less.

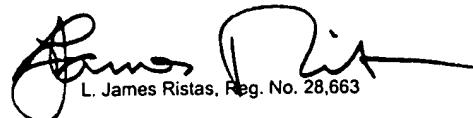
40. The method of claim 39, wherein the conditioning of said feed material is performed for a period of time in the range of 3-60 seconds.--

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